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SUBJECT: REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE AD HOC WORKING  
GROUP ON CONSULTATIVE STATUS FOR NGO'S IN IMCO

DEPARTMENT PASS ALSO TO DOT AND USCG

1. THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CONSULTATIVE STATUS MET  
AT IMCO HEADQUARTERS FEB. 2, 1978. DELEGATIONS WERE  
PRESENT FROM CHINA, FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY,  
LIBERIA, NORWAY, US, USSR, AND UK. W. A. DIAMANTI OF  
THE USDEL WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN. THE AGENDA AS ADOPTED  
CONTAINED THREE ITEMS: GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING CONSULTA-  
TIVE STATUS; GUIDELINES FOR POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF  
CONSULTATIVE STATUS; AND CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER OR NOT  
NGO'S SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION,

(I.E. PAY DUES) AS A CONDITION OF HAVING CONSULTATIVE  
STATUS.

2. THE DRAFT GUIDELINES FOR GRANTING OF CONSULTATIVE  
STATUS, SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SECRETARIAT,  
WERE QUICKLY ADOPTED WITH MINOR WORDING CHANGES, ALL OF  
WHICH WERE WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE USDEL'S POSITION  
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PAPER. THE DEFINITION OF "INTERNATIONAL" WAS NOT BASED  
ON NUMBER OF COUNTRIES. INSTEAD THE CRITERION WILL BE  
"ACTIVE AND EFFECTIVE IN THEIR FIELD" AND "WITH A SUFFI-  
CIENT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES DEPENDING ON THE NATURE OF THE  
INTEREST OR INTERESTS REPRESENTED BY THE NGO."

3. GUIDELINES FOR WITHDRAWAL OF CONSULTATIVE STATUS, AS

SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE SECRETARIAT, WERE QUICKLY ADOPTED WITH ONLY ONE MINOR EDITORIAL CHANGE TO CORRECT A LINGUISTIC ERROR. THE DELEGATE OF CHINA READ INTO THE RECORD A STATEMENT PRAISING ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD EXCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE "CHIANG CLIQUE" AND URGING THAT ALL NGO'S EXCLUDE FROM THEIR MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM "THE PROVINCE OF TAIWAN."

4. THERE WAS NO CONSENSUS ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION SHOULD BE REQUIRED FROM NGO'S HAVING CONSULTATIVE STATUS. THE FRG AND FRANCE FAVORED "DUES" WHILE NORWAY AND UK DID NOT. IT WAS DECIDED TO REFER THE QUESTION OF DUES TO THE FULL COUNCIL WITH A REPORT OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY THE DELEGATES TO THE WORKING GROUP.

5. THE MEETING CONCLUDED THE AGENDA DURING THE MORNING SESSION AND DELEGATED TO THE CHAIRMAN THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPROVAL OF THE REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL

6. THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING ARE FULLY IN ACCORD WITH THE USDEL'S INSTRUCTIONS.

7. USDEL SENDS.

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